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SUBJ: PEACEKEEPING

1. AT WALDHEIM'S DINNER FOR BIG FIVE SEPT 26, MALIK DREW ME ASIDE AND SAID THAT SOVIETS HAD NOTED WITH INTEREST YOUR REMARKS ON PEACEKEEPING ISSUE IN YOUR GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH. MALIK WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT "OUR EXPERTS" MEET SOON TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION. I REPLIED IN EFFECT THAT OUR TWO MISSIONS HAD BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE AND IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO ME THAT OUR DISCUSSION CONTINUE.

2. COMMENT: FACT IS THAT AMB SCHAUFELLE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MY STAFF DO DISCUSS PEACEKEEPING GUIDELINES WITH OVINNIKOV AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SOVIET MISSION FAIRLY FREQUENTLY. WHILE THESE CONTACTS ARE USEFUL, KEEP DOORS OPEN, AND SHOULD CONTINUE, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD RUSH INTO EFFORT TO HAMMER OUT PRECISE, AGREED POSITION. IT SEEMS TO ME DESIRABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT, US HAVING TAKEN POSITIVE STEP, IT IS LOGICAL THAT SOVIETS SHOULD TAKE STEP TOWARD MIDDLE GROUND. IN FACT, IN SCHAUFELLE-OVINNIKOV CONVERSATION YESTERDAY, OVINNIKOV DID NOT SOUND IN AS MUCH A HURRY TO MOVE FORWARD AS MALIK.
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